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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

Please consider the enclosed documents listed on the further enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Confirming a telephonic interview with Examiner Wachtel, an Information Disclosure Statement was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office according to the stamped postcard on April 23, 2001. As the initialed 1449 Form was not returned with the November 29, 2001 office communication, the Examiner was going to pull the file and check if the Information Disclosure Statement was in the file wrapper and telephone the undersigned. In any case, the 1449 Form included with the April 23, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed.

A personal interview has been scheduled with Examiner Wachtel on May 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., which will be attended by the undersigned, applicant's Australian patent attorney.

applicant's invention (and as such believed not to be prior art) will be shown to the Examiner. It

is respectfully requested that consideration of those publications will also be made of record in the present application. The present Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (and an informal copy is being sent by e-mail directly to Examiner Wachtel) so that the Examiner will have an opportunity to review these documents prior to the May 23, 2002 interview.

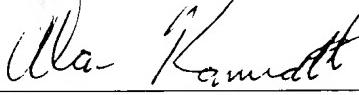
A check in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is enclosed so that consideration of this information is made by the Examiner pursuant to MPEP § 609.

Favorable consideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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